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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BACKGROUND

The applicants filed U.S. Application No. 10/054,041 on January 22, 2002. (That application is the parent application to this application.) That parent application, as filed, contained 24 Claims. Claims 1 - 7 claimed a process for the production of a molecular sieve adsorbent blend product and included dependent claims depending thereon. Claims 8 - 12 claimed a molecular sieve adsorbent blend product with certain physical characteristics and included dependent claims depending thereon. In addition, the applicants claimed a group of processes for the use of the molecular sieve adsorbent blend products produced by the process of Claim 1 in Claims 13 and 15 - 24. Claim 14 claimed a process for the use of the product of Claim 8.

On March 25, 2003, in parent Application Serial No. 10/054,041 the USPTO issued an Office Action restricting the invention among Invention I comprising Claims 1 - 12 drawn to an adsorption composition, Invention II comprising Claims 13 - 23 drawn to a separation process, and Invention III comprising Claim 24 drawn to a catalyst conversion process. In a Response filed on April 2, 2003, the applicants elected to prosecute Claims 1 - 12, cancelling Claims 13 - 24, but reserving the right to prosecute Claims 13 - 24 in a later filed divisional patent application. Claims 1 - 12 have been allowed in a Notice of Allowance dated October 28, 2003.

This application is intending to prosecute original Claims 13 - 23 from the parent application, which were canceled as a result of the restriction requirement of the USPTO.

The preliminary classification of those claims in the restriction requirement Office Action was Class 95, subclass 90+.